GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:457
ANSWERED ON:07.05.2007
CHILD LABOURERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether children continue to be employed as domestic help in various parts of the country despite the law banning their employment;

(b) if so, the number of cases booked in various States in this regard in the last six months; and

(c) the remedial steps proposed in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 457 FOR ANSWER ON 07.05.2007 REGARDING `CHILD LABOURERS` BY SHRI NIKHIL KUMAR AND ADV. (SHRIMATI) P. SATHEEDEVI

(a) & (b): Under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986, Government has banned the employment of children as domestic workers/servants and in dhabas, restaurants, hotels, motels, tea-shops, spas and other recreational centres etc w.e.f. 10.10.06. Since then, 2229 violations have been detected in these two occupations during the inspections carried out by the State Governments, which are the appropriate Government for the enforcement of the Act.

(c): Child Labour is a manifestation of serious socio-economic problems, an effective enforcement of the ban requires widespread public awareness on the issue and a concerted strategy for the economic empowerment of the families of child labour. The Government has already undertaken extensive media campaign in this regard and has also addressed to the State/UT Governments for taking necessary measures. Consultations have also been held with the State Governments for finalizing State Action Plans for effective enforcement of the ban coupled with a rehabilitation plan for the children affected by it in convergence with the developmental schemes of various departments.